

# Kiai language

The **Kiai language** is a vernacular of a native people in the highlands of the central Espiritu Santo Island, Sanma Province, Republic of Vanuatu.

## Name variants

Another name is Fortsenal. The speakers call their language *na vara kiai*. Fortsenal (Vorozenale) is one of the villages where the speakers live.

## Notes

1. Kiai (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/frt/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)

2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Kiai" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/fort1240>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

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▪ Crowley, Terry. 2000. The Language Situation in Vanuatu.

Kiai	
Fortsenal	
<b>Native to</b>	Vanuatu
<b>Region</b>	Espiritu Santo Island
<b>Native speakers</b>	450 (2001) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northeast Vanuatu – Banks Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>West Santo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kiai</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Official status	
<b>Official language in</b>	Vanuatu
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	frt
<b>Glottolog</b>	fort1240 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/fort1240">http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/fort1240</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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